THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Central Government have issued guidelines for promotion of communal harmony. It gives financial assistance to voluntary organisations for organising Programmes for promotions of communal harmony. It also share intelligence on the subject and provides support of paramilitary forces to the State Government in case of communal trouble.

(b) No.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected.

Surveillance in the East Cost of Tamil Nadu

1103. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether strict vigilance and surveillance in the East Coast of Tamil Nadu are continuing to guard against intrusion of terrorists from the nearby island country into India and smuggling of diesel, petrol, explosives, etc. out of the country; and

(b) how many intruders were apprehended and how many smuggling vehicles were captured during the months between January to September in the current year by the surveillance force in the East Coast of Tamil Nadu ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The information is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Special Identity Cards to persons living in Border Areas

1104. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to issue Special identity Cards to persons of border areas in the North-East for their identification as of Indian Origin in view of illegal migration from Bangladesh;

(b) whether Government will also issue Identity Cards to persons residing in Kutch and border areas of Rajasthan where illegal migration from Pakistan is taking place; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) A pilot Scheme for issue of identity cards is under implementation in select border areas in the States of Rajasthan and Gujarat. The objectives of the Pilot Scheme are to register bonafide residents, collect reliable information regarding the status of the residents, and to check the movement of the visitors staying for over 30 days in the areas covered under the scheme. The Central assistance on the pattern of 90% grant and 10% loan is being provided to the States. Funds have been provided to the States of Assam, Mizoram, Tripura and West Bengal for issuing Identity Cards.

1105. श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) यह सच है कि पीपल्स यूनियन फार सिविल लिबर्टीज ने प्रस्तावित राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग को अधिक प्रभावी और सार्थक बनाने के लिए कुछ शर्तें सुझाई हैं :

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या सरकार ने उक्त आयोग द्वारा अभी से इन शर्तों को कार्यान्वित किए जाने के मुद्दे पर विचार किया है; और